ANGEL-Specific Glossary

Activity-at-a-Glance ~ A nugget located on the Course Home Page that shows a summary of course-related activities that have occurred during the past week by the students.

Agents ~ Services which can perform specific tasks automatically according to any schedule you set. There are three types of Agents: Scheduled Agents, Content Agents, and System Agents. They are accessible from the Automate Tab.

Inline HTML Editor ~ The full WYSIWYG (what you see is what you get) editor is a toolbar with a menu of icons that is present any place text can be formatted or edited.

Learning Object Repository ~ The Learning Object Repository (LOR) enables instructors to store, tag, search, share, reuse, and manage learning objects (such as PowerPoints, departmental objectives, Syllabi, Tutorials). In addition to departmental LORs, every instructor has a personal LOR accessible from the ANGEL Power Strip.

Master Courses ~ A template for a course or specific group of courses that needs to have certain elements included within them.

Nuggets ~ Components that are added to the Personal Home, Courses, Resources, and Communicate portal pages of the course that are most useful in the delivery of your course. Other nuggets are permanent components such as those on the Manage page.

Power Strip ~ The left edge of the ANGEL Home page is called the Power Strip. This area contains basic system navigation tools: Home, Help, Log Off, Learning Object Repository, Personal Preferences, and Instant Messenger.

Portal Pages ~ ANGEL entry points that grant access to associated course components.

Question Bank ~ Databases of questions that can be shared between Courses, LORs, and Master Courses. Question Banks are searchable so that questions meeting specific criteria can be drawn from them to create more powerful assessments.

NEW CONCEPTS

Learning Outcomes Management (LOM)

Increased pressure to demonstrate and improve student achievement requires systematic assessment of student learning outcomes. ANGEL® 7.3 Learning Outcomes Management (LOM) gives you visibility into student competency and student performance against standards, confidence that course content is aligned to standards and shows you what is working (and what is not working) so you can take action to improve learning outcomes.

Learning Content Management

An Integrated Learning Object Repository that promotes consistent pedagogy. It consists of the Master Courses, LORs, and Question Banks that are shared across departments. Identifying, sharing and finding content is easily searched against keywords and metadata.
NEW FEATURES

Learning Object Repository (LOR)

The Learning Object Repository (LOR) enables instructors to store, tag, search, share, reuse, and manage learning objects. The ability to easily reuse learning objects across courses, sections, departments, schools, and campuses reduces the investment of effort and time. Every instructor has a personal LOR accessible from the ANGEL Power Strip.

Master Courses

A Master Course is used to maintain consistency and quality. It is imported into a course shell using the Import Wizard tool. Once a Master Course has been imported, faculty can add their own content to it. It is useful for a single course that has multiple sections with many faculty teaching or a course taught by one faculty member every semester, as an alternative to a Copy Course or importing an Archived Course.

ANGEL LIVE Synchronous Tools

Include Desktop Sharing, Desktop Presentation, and Whiteboard to augment communication. Illustrate and share imagery and complex concepts with students, teams, or the learning community. Live Office Hours provides a virtual office including scheduling capabilities and a queue manager to control student access. The Live Office Hours nugget provides the date and time the instructor is online for a chat session. Live Chat allows communication online in the modes of today’s learners – in real time. Participate in peer-to-peer chat reinforcing concepts and building community.

Agents Console

The Automate tab contains the Agents Console. The Agents Console allows you to schedule actions that run automatically. The Content Agent runs when users view, take, submit, or review a content item. Many instructors use this agent to release content as a student progresses through a course instead of making all the content available to the student from the beginning. The System Agent runs when users access specific areas within the environment. A Scheduled Agent runs on a scheduled basis or on request.

Management Console

The Manage tab provides a wide array of course management tools, including: common course tools to help you manage grades, attendance, and course milestones; course settings tools that let you manage the course environment; and data management tools that allow you to manage course files, import and export content, and backup or restore course data.

Reports Console

ANGEL’s Reports Console presents a wealth of data-mining opportunities in one central location. You can track all aspects of an individual learner, class, milestone, or specific content item with the Reports Console.